CHEMINS DE FER.

Heures d'arrivée et de départ

NEW ORLEANS GREAT NORTHERN R. R.

DEPART

Folsom, Covington, Maud et stations int .....7:20 a m
Mandeville, Maud et stations int.....7:20 a m
Covington, Abita Springs, Maud et stations int . . .5:10 p m
Bogalusa, Florenville Jct. et stations int .....7.20 a m
Excursions des dimanches et mercredis
Covington, Mandeville et pointe int.....7:20 a m
Excursions des dimanches seulement.
Bogalusa, Florenville Jct et stations int. .....7:20 a m

ARRIVE

Folsom, Covington, Maud et stations int. .....6:10 p m
Mandeville, Maud et stations int.....6:10 p m
Covington, Abita Springs, Maud et stations int....8:25 a m
Bogalusa, Florenville Jct. et stations int.... .....6:10 p m
Excursion des dimanches et mercredis
Covington, Mandeville et stations int.....6:10 p m
Excursions des dimanches seulement.
Bogalusa, Florenville Jct et stations int.... .....6:10 p m

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE

ARRIVE

Mail tous les jours.... 7:15 a m
Express tous les jours.....6:00 p m
Lim'ted tous les jours..... 8:15 p m
N. Y. fast mail tous les jours 11:15 a m
Mob. and coast tous les jours.....
Day train, tous les jours, excepté dimanche. ..... 8:50 a m
Dimanche excursion..... 9:45 p m

DEPART.

Fast mail tous les jours..... 8:15 p m
Express tous les jours..... 7:00 a m
Limited tous les jours..... 9:25 a m
N. Y. fast mail tous les jours....
Mob. and coast tous les jours 7:20 p m
Day train, tous les jours, excepté dimanche..... 4:05 p m
Dimanche excursion ..... 7:40 a m

QUEEN & CRESCENT ROUTE.

ARRIVE

No 1 Limited..... 8:45 a m
No 3 Pan American special. 8:10 p m
No 5 local..... 8:30 a m
No 7 points Est Louisiane . 7:05 p m
Excursion du dimanche
No 9 ..... 7:05 p m

DEPART.

No 6 local..... 6:30 a m
No 4 Pan American special. 9:10 a m
No 8 points Est Louisiane.. 4:30 p m
No 2 limited..... 7:30 p m
Excursion du dimanche
No 10 ..... 7:40 a m

ILLINOIS CENTRAL

ARRIVER.

No 2 Chicago limited..... 8:15 p m
No 23 local mail..... 6:40 p m
No 20 Cincinnati and Louisville 8:15 p m
No 1 fast mail..... 10:35 a m
St Louis and Chicago..10:35 a m
No 31 McComb Acod ..... 9:30 am

DEPART.

No 4 Chicago limited..... 9:15 a m
No 22 local mail..... 6:30 a m
No 24 Cincinnati & Louisville 9:15 a m
No 2 fast mail..... 7:10 p m
St Louis and Chicago.. 7:10 p m
No 32 McComb Acod ..... 3:20 p m

THE YAZOO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

ARRIVER.

Memphis Express .....8:15 a.m.
Express ..... 5:50 p m
Woodville, Bayou Sara Acc. 9:40 a.m.

DEPART

Memphis Express .....3:15 p.m.
Express ..... 7:00 a.m.
Woodville, Bayou Sara Acc. 4:00 p.m

TEXAS AND PACIFIC

ARRIVER.

Fort Worth and Hot Springs express ..... 7:30 a m
Texas..... 12:05 p m
California express..... 7:45 p m

DEPART

California express..... 8:30 a m
Texas..... 3:15 p m
Fort Worth and Hot Springs express..... 6:20 p m

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY.

ARRIVER.

Local.....11:10 a m
N. O. and Houston..... 5:10 p m
Pacific Coast Express..... 8:35 a m
Sunset Express..... 6:45 p m

DEPART.

Local..... 3:00 p m
N. O. and Houston..... 6:40 a m
Pacific Coast Express..... 9:00 p m
Sunset Express..... 11:55 a m

NEW ORLEANS, FORT JACKSON AND GRAND ISLE R. R.

ARRIVER.

Dimanche seulement.

Arriver..... 7:35 p m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche et samedi.
Arriver..... 9:55 a m
Samedi et dimanche seulement
Arriver..... 9:55 a m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche.
Arriver..... 6:40 p m

DEPART:

Dimanche seulement.

Partir..... 8:00 a m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche et samedi.
Partir..... 4:30 p m
Samedi et dimanche seulement.
Partir..... 5:30 p m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche.
Partir..... 8:00 a m
Partir Shell Beach.....10:02 a m
Arrivée Shell Beach..... 7:00 p m

DEPART.

Tous les jours excepté dimanche.
Partir Belair et Shell Beach.. 4:10 p m
Dimanche seulement.
Partir Shell Beach..... 5:30 a m
Arrivée Shell Beach..... 8:00 a m
Partir Belair..... 5:30 p m
Arrivée Shell Beach..... 7:30 p m

LOUISIANA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

ARRIVER

Tous les jours excepté dimanche
Partir Belair et Shell Beach.. 9:10 a m
Dimanche seulement.
Partir Belair..... 7:00 a m

Liste des navires sans le port

Noms	Pavillons	Destinations	Mouillage
A [illegible]		laid up	1er dist 15
Alm		Continent	Gretna
Amphitrite		Colon	Stuyv dock
Brattos		Honduras	3me dist 30
Belgenia		Anvers	rue Julie
Carolina		Trieste, Venice, etc	rue 3me
City of Mexico		Mexico	Chalmette
Elfrid		New York	2me dist 8
Fawkrigh Grange		Hamburg	1er dist 21
Foston		Anvers	Stuyv dock
Germania		Danemark	Chalmette
Haiti		Honduras	3me dist 30
Indianapolis		Belize	Stuyv dock
Juan Forgas		Barcelone	rue 5me
Jamaica		Liverpool	1er dist 37
Jos W Fordney		New York	Algier
King George		Rotterdam	Stuyv dock
J L Luckenbach			Algier
Louisiane		Havre	4me dist 45
Mariner		Brome	4me dist 44
Merchant Prince		Brome	rue Orange
Malin Head		Dublin	rue Harmonie
Magician		Havre et Londres	1er dist 37
Manchester Engineer		Manchester	Westwego
Millpool		Continent	Stuyv dock
Miguel Gallart		Barcelone	rue 5me
Morgan		Tampa	Stuyv dock
Norman Prince		Havre	4me dist 48
Rapallo		Hamburg	Stuyv dock
Syria		Hamburg	Stuyv dock
Trunkby		Danemark	Stuyv dock
Teesbridge		Gene	rue 7me
Venus		Port Limon	Algier
San Antonio		Espagne	rue St James
Rita Cue		QUELETTE Mexique	ave Peters

Liste des navires partis pour la Nouvelle-Orléans

NEW YORK

Steamship Protesa, Jacobs.....parti 14 nov.

LIVERPOOL

Steamship Wm Cliff, Davis.....parti 3 nov.
Steamship Darien, Robinson.... parti 18 oct.
Steamship Director, Bickershoff..parti 6 oct.
Steamship Logician, Lor .....parti 11 oct.
Steamship Louisianian, Wood.. parti 13 oct.
Steamship Barbadian, Parker...parti 20 sept.
Steamship Norseman, Evans....parti 26 oct.
Steamship Senator, Pyle.....parti 29 oct.
Steamship Wayfarer, Wood.....parti 29 oct
Steamship Commodore.....parti 31 oct.
Steamship Comedian, Netherton parti 9 nov.
Steamship Magician, Raby.....parti 8 nov.
Steamship St Irene, Hardey.....parti 9 nov.
Steamship Floridian, Bruce..... parti 8 nov.
Steamship Kingstonian, Hernishparti 10 nov.
Steamship Barrister, Goudie.....parti 10 nov.

MANCHESTER.

S S Manchester Shipper.....parti 26 oct.
Steamship Manchester Mariner.. parti 9 nov.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Steamship Titian, ... parti 4 nov.
Steamship Homesee .....parti 26 oct.
Steamship Milton, Gavin ..... parti 11 nov.

MONTEVIDEO

Steamship Anglo African, Calvertparti 9 oct.
Steamship J A Bar y, Lillie.....parti 10 nov.

SANTOS.

Steamship Membland, Middletonparti 19 oct.

CANTANIA

Steamship Sicania, Martini.... parti 25 sept.

HAMBOURG

Steamship Nasovia, Lantieny.. parti 51 oct.
Steamship Sevilla, Schade .....parti 14 oct.

GENES

Steamship Monviso, Revello.....parti 5 oct.
Steamship Val Salice .....parti 21 oct.
Steamship Delphina, Quiteria .. parti 25 oct.

OPORTO.

Barque Oceano, Molledo.....partie 4 oct.
Barque America, Paiao .....partis 14 oct.
Barque Emilia, Domingues.....parti 20 oct.

TRIESTE.

Steamship Margherita Ivancich parti 17 oct.

ANVERS

Steamship Nasovia, Lantieny....parti 30 oct.

HAVRE

Steamship Mexico, Faolsth ....parti 29 oct.

SAN JUAN

Steamship Massapequa, Connel parti 12 nov.

PORT TALBOT

Steamship Howth Head ..... parti 10 nov.

CHARTER

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BE IT KNOWN, That on this Fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and thirty first

Before me, JOHN G. EUSTIS, a notary public, duly sworn, commissioned and qualified, in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, aforesaid, and in presence of the witnesses hereinafter named, and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the law of the State of Louisiana, in such cases made and provided and particularly of the provisions of act 78 of the acts of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, for the year 1904, approved July the 6th, 1904, they have covenanted and agreed and do by these presents covenant and agree and bind themselves, as well as all such persons as may hereafter become associated with them to form a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the articles and stipulations following, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be the CONSUMERS LUMBER MANUFACTURING AND EXPORT COMPANY, and under its said corporate name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy corporate existence for the full term and period of ninety-nine years, from and after the date hereof; contract, sue and be sued; to make and use a corporate seal and the same to alter and break at pleasure; to hold and receive, lease, purchase, and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate property real and personal, and mixed, corporeal and incorporeal; to name and appoint such managers, directors, agents and officers as its business interest may require, and to make and establish as well as alter and amend from time to time such by-laws, rules and regulations for proper government of said corporation as may be necessary and proper.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana; all citation or other legal process shall be served on the President of said Corporation; or in the event of his absence upon the Vice-President or in the absence of both President and Vice-President, upon the Secretary-treasurer of said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be, to buy, build, maintain and operate, a saw mill or saw mills, planing mill and factories for the manufacture of all kinds of lumber, shingles, laths, and other kindred products; to purchase, own and sell timber lands and timber rights of all kinds, and to work said timber into every kind and character of products and by products, and to cultivate said land for any purpose whatsoever, build, own and operate steamboats, sailing vessels, pull boats, logging railroads, canal and every character of apparatus necessary or convenient for the handling, conveying and transporting the raw materials to and the finished products from said mill or mills, to sell and market the products of manufacture and the lumber and lumber in all its stages, to own and operate and conduct stores and commissaries for sale of every character of merchandise necessary or convenient for the objects and purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of said corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Fifty-thousand dollars ($50,000.00) divided into and represented by (500) shares of stock of the sum of One hundred ($100) dollars each; said stock may be paid for in cash at the time of subscription or the same may be issued at not less than par in payment for property actually received or purchased by said corporation; this corporation shall become a going concern, and be authorised to do business as soon as ten per cent of the capital stock shall be subscribed and paid for.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by Board of Directors to be composed of three stockholders to be elected annually on the 5th day of October of each year, except the first Board named and appointed in this charter, who shal hold their offices until the fifth day of October 1907, or until their successors are elected and qualified. All such elections shall be held by ballot and conducted at the office of said corporation under the supervision of two commissioners, to be appointed by the Board of Directors; at all such elections and corporate meetings, every stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the corporation, to be cast in person or by its written proxy, and the majority votes cast shall elect. A failure to elect directors on the date above specified shal, not dissolve the corporation nor impair its corporate management, but the directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified; any vacancy occurring among officers or directors by death or resignation or otherwise shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term by the entire vote of the remaining directors. Every Board of Directors, except the board appointed by the charter, shall elect from their number, a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-treasurer, who shall be one officer; the Board of Directors, may from time to time name and appoint all such officers and agents as the business of the corporation may require. It shall have the power to fix and define duties and salaries of every officer and employee, and all officers and employes shall hold office and employment at the pleasure of the board, the salary of any officer when fixed by the board can be increased or diminished upon the vote of at least two directors. The Board may make and establish, as well as alter and amend any and all by-laws, rules and regulations necessary and proper in its management of the business and affairs of said corporation. The Board shall have full power and authority to buy and sell property, to borrow money, to execute mortgages and create liens, to issue notes, bonds and other obligations and generally to do all things reasonable, convenient and necessary for the proper carrying on of the business of the corporation; the Board may issue full paid shares of stock at not less than par for cash or property actually transferred to the corporation; every member of the Board of Directors in the case of his absence from the City of New Orleans State of Louisiana at any time, shall have the right to name and appoint in writing, a proxy to represent him and act and vote in his place and name at all meetings of the Board of Directors which may take place during his absence from the State of Louisiana or City of New Orleans.

The Board of Directors shall have power or authority to exercise any of the powers conferred on it or by and the corporation by any of its acts unless the Board be autorized by an affirmative vote of at least two directors. Two directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and there must be at least two concurring votes to autorise the Board to act. All contracts and obligations of the corporation must be signed by the President and Secretary before they shall become binding on the company.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever this corporation may be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by two commissioners to be appointed amongst the stockholders at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, of which meeting notice shall be given in the manner and time provided for the stockholders meeting by Article Seven of this charter and majority in amount the capital stock of said company represented at such meeting, shall be requisite to elect said commissioners, who shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall be fully liquidated; in case of the death of one or more of said commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled by election of the surviving commissioners.

ARTICLE VII.

This act of incorporation may be modified, changed or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved with the consent of three-fourths of the capital stock represented at the general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, and after notice shall have been given in one or more newspapers published in the City of New Orleans, once a week for four weeks preceding the meeting and by written notice to each stockholder mailed thirty days prior to the date of meeting at the Post office adress designated by him in writing. Any change proposed or made in reference to the capital stock shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana on the subject of altering the capital stock of corporations.

ARTICLE VIII.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable for the contracts or faults of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due the corporation on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid amount remaining due on his stock.

ARTICLE IX

D. A. Hackney, R. H. Hackney and William J. Young have been chosen and selected as the first Board of Directors of this corporation with R. H. Hackney, as President, D. A. Hackney, as secretary-treasurer, to serve as such until the fifth day of October 1907, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The subscribers here to have respectively written opposite their names the amount of stock in this corporation subscribed by each of them, so that this act of incorporation may also serve as the original subscription list of said corporation.

Thus done and passed at my office in the City of New Orleans, in the presence of Louis P. Bryant, George W. Kendall, competent witnesses of lawful age of this City, who hereunto signed their names with the said appearers and me notary, on the day and date aforesaid after due reading of the whole.

(Signed)

D. A. HACKNEY, R. H. HACKNEY
W. J. YOUNG, LOUIS P. BRYANT,
GEORGE W. KENDALL.
J. G. EUSTIS Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Act of Incorporation, of the Consumers Lumber Manufacturing and Export Co., was this day duly recorded in my office, in Book 849 Folio 722.

New Orleans, October 10th, 1906.

(Sd. ned) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing article of incorporation of the Consumers Lumber Manufacturing and Export Company together with the certificate of the Recorder of Mortgages for the parish of Orleans to be a true and correct copy of the original extant and on file in my office.

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J. G. EUSTIS, Not. Pub.

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CHARTER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

BE IT KNOWN, That on this Thirteenth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and twenty-ninth before me, ERNEST TOURO FLORANCE, a notary public in and for the Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations and especially of Act No 36 of the Session of the General Assembly of said State for 1888, they have formed and organized, and do by these presents form themselves, their successors and assigns, into and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations and agreements hereinafter set forth, which they hereby adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of the corporation hereby formed is declared to be the H. W. SLOAN COMPANY, LIMITED, under which name it shall have and enjoy corporate succession for the period of ninety-nine years, and shall have and exercise for the purposes of the business to be carried on by it, all the powers conferred by law upon corporations.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana. All citation or other legal process shall be served on the President of the Company, or in his absence, on the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be the conducting of the business of purchasing and selling, or either, on orders and the exporting of cotton and other commodities to loan or advance money on cotton and other commodities, to act as agent or attorney in fact for any individual, firm or corporation for the purpose of purchasing or selling or exporting cotton and other commodities; to buy, sell, receive, and dispose of by assignment, transfer, donation, or own all kind of property corporeal or incorporeal, shares in notes, notes, bills of exchange, or otherwise; to borrow money, and to pledge, mortgage, or hypothecate any property belonging to it; to use and be used in its own name, or its own account, or for the benefit of others.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) divided into one hundred shares (100) of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each, which said shares shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent in real estate, merchandise or property at the time that the same is issued. All transfers of stock shall be made on the books of said Company on the surrender of the outstanding certificates, pursuant to such rules as shall be prescribed by the directors. This company shall have the right to commence business when the total capital stock of the said corporation, ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) shall have been paid in.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers and authority of this corporation shall be vested in a President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and one Director, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, and shall be elected at an annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on the Second Monday in January of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

All elections shall be by ballot, and held at the office of said corporation, under the superintendence of two commissioners to be appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. Each share of Stock shall be entitled to one vote, to be cast by its owner, either in person or by proxy, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect. This corporation shall not be dissolved by failure to hold an annual meeting and to elect directors thereat, but in case of such failure the said annual meeting shall be held as soon thereafter as possible. Until the said first annual meeting the Board of Directors of this Company shall be composed of the following persons, to-wit: H. W. Sloan, A. Franklin Pugh and N. P. Sloan, with the said H. W. Sloan as President, the said A. Franklin Pugh as Secretary and Treasurer.

A[illegible] directors above named and all thereafter elected shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the corporation on the shares owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his stock.

ARTICLE VIII

At the termination of this charter by limitation or otherwise, the business and affairs of the corporation shall be liquidated by two commissioners to be appointed from among the stockholders at a meeting convened after ten days' prior notice in writing shall have been given by the Secretary and Treasurer to each stockholder or his duly authorized agent, said notice to be delivered in person or sent by mail. Said commissioners shall be elected, and their duties defined, and their compensation fixed by a majority of the shares of stock of the corporation or Company. Said Commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully liquidated, and in case of the death of any one or more of said commissioners, the survivor or survivors shall continue to act.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered or the corporation may be dissolved, by a vote of three fourths of the capital stock represented at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose after ten days' notice shall have been given in the manner as set forth in the first paragraph of this article.

Thus done and passed at my office at New Orleans, Louisiana, aforesaid, the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of Hiddleston Kenner and D. Wright Wilcox, competent witnesses of lawful age, domiciled in this City, who hereunto sign their names with the parties and me, said notary, after the reading of these presents.

Signed H. W. SLOAN.
Signed A. FRANKLIN PUGH.
Signed N. P. SLOAN.
p.p. H. W. Sloan.]

Witnesses
R. KENNER,
D. W. WILCOX.
Signed ERNEST T. FLORANCE,
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Elle continuait à jouir des avantages de sa fortune et de sa position.

Comme Nicolas Goussart, le baron de Vayran, qui sentait le sol de ce Paris où il avait espéré jouir pour toujours de son prestige d'homme fort, lui manquer sous les pieds, rêvait de revanches féroces contre ceux qui l'avaient précipité de son piédestal, surtout contre cette innocente Madeleine, qui n'avait eu qu'un tort, celui d'avoir foi en son bonheur, et contre le mari qu'elle devait aimer puisqu'elle résistait à toutes ses instances et qu'il n'avait pu la persuader de revenir à lui ni par ses prières ni par ses menaces.

Comment les atteindre ?

Où les frapper ?

Il ne le savait pas encore, mais tous les moyens lui seraient bons.

S'il succombait dans sa lutte contre la destinée, si son étoile, déjà devenue une nébuleuse, devait s'éclipser tout à fait, si la ruine le guettait avec ses fléaux déchaînés, du moins il ne succomberait pas seul et il en entraînerait d'autres avec lui.

Devant un étal de bouquetière il s'arrêta pour fleurir sa boutonnière.

Il était de ceux qui peuvent tomber mais en faisant bonne figure à mauvaise fortune.

Grand, mince, mis avec une distinction modèle, irréprochable de tenue et de façon, il n'avait changé que de visage.

Ses traits étaient plus amaigris, ses rides étaient plus profondes, et cependant il n'avait que trente-six ans à peine.

Mais Paris est dévorant et la grande vie, les soucis de l'argent, les nuits de jeu, les passions ardentes usent vite les natures les plus résistantes.

La rupture du baron avec sa richissime Florentine avait été pour lui un coup désastreux dont sa tête toujours altière portait les traces.

A la place de l'Opéra, les deux cousins hésitèrent un instant, mais Vayran trancha la question :

—Au café de Paris.

Quelques minutes plus tard, ils étaient installés à une excellente table, dans une encoignure.

Les valets s'empressaient.

Le maître d'hôtel prenait les ordres du baron, et dès qu'ils furent seuls, le "bon Roger" demanda :

—Ton moyen ?....

—Je n'ose pas....

—Timide jeune homme, c'est donc un crime à commettre ?

Gaston avoua avec effort :

—Presque !

Brusquement il franchit son Rubicon :

—Adrienne veut des diamants, des perles, je ne sais quoi....

—Bah !

—Elle menace de me quitter..

—Tu les lui donneras ?....

—Je voudrais t'y voir.... Si tu la connaissais....

—Le baron ricana ; une grimace énigmatique crispa son masque.

—Alors tu as promis ?...dit-il.

—Il a bien fallu.

—Comment tiendras-tu ta promesse ?

Gaston baissa la voix.

—Madeleine n'a pas besoin des siens.... Elle est en deuil..

—Tu sais où ils sont ?

—A peu près.

—Tu vas les prendre ?

—Quelques-uns.

—On te l'a conseillé ?

—Sans doute.

—Gabillaud ?....

—Qui veux-tu que ce soit ?

—Et tu l'écoutes ?

—Dame !

—C'est du propre....

Le jeune Gaston objecta :

—Décidément tu te plais à me vexer. Tu ne veux pas comprendre.... Ce ne sera qu'un emprunt dont personne ne se doutera.... Ne te moque pas de moi.... Va, je suis déjà assez tourmenté....

—Prends garde, observa Vayran en raillant, on dirait que tu vas pleurer mon fils, et c'est mal porté pour un homme :....

C'était vrai.

Cet égaré avait des larmes dans la voix et dans les yeux.

La besogne que lui imposait la détestable et séduisante créature dont il était follement épris le dégoûtait malgré sa stupide passion.

Vayran paraissait réfléchir.

Il voulait aider dans son œuvre d'avilissement cette Adrienne Gaudot dans les bras de laquelle il avait poussé deux ans plus tôt cet être faible et charmant, trop facile à entraîner.

Il dit au bout d'un instant :

—Tu ne manges pas ?

—Je n'ai pas faim.

—Ces soles sont excellentes.

Elles avaient en effet toutes les apparences qu'il faut pour plaire au plus raffiné des gourmets.

Gaston n'y toucha que du bout des dents.

Il songeait à sa corvée.

Pour se donner du cœur, il se répétait avec rage :

—J'ai promis.

Adrienne Gaudot avait joué son rôle dans la dernière perfection.

Séductions, promesses, flatteries, elle n'avait rien omis, rien oublié.

Il y a des influences qui ne s'expliquent pas.

Elles s'éprouvent.

On l'a dit : — Le cœur a ses raisons que la raison ne connaît pas.

Le cœur, entendez la passion, tendre et dévouée, ou ardente, brutale et farouche.

L'odieux Vayran devinait les impressions de son cousin avec autant d'aisance qu'il aurait parcouru le premier journal venu.

Il comprenait son dégoût, ses hésitations, le cri de sa conscience qui la poussait à refuser.

Il voulut le rassurer.

—Après tout, dit-il négligemment, en lui versant un verre de vieux médoc, le vin des sages, s'il ne s'agit que d'un emprunt... momentané....

—Sûrement. Tu ne penses pas que j'irais m'emparer des bijoux de Madeleine pour ne pas les lui rendre....

Le bon Roger objecta :

—Pourtant si tu les engages..

—Question d'argent à trouver .... voilà tout. J'ai besoin d'une somme....

—Forte ?

—Quarante mille.... Ce sera ma dernière folie.... J'en ai assez.... Je ne dors plus....

Il ajouta en soupirant :

—Tu ne peux pas savoir, Roger, depuis combien de temps je n'ai pas eu une heure de bon sommeil....

—Tu souscriras des effets....

—Sans doute.

—Et à l'échéance ?

—Oh ! d'ici là.... il peut passer de l'eau sous les ponts.

—Et si tu ne peux pas payer ?

—J'irai trouver Mad.... je lui avouerai tout.... Elle fera un effort pour me sauver une dernière fois et dégager ses perles. Après tout, elles ne seront pas vendues.

—Tu as raison !

—Elle vient de perdre son fils .... Elle n'ira pas dans le monde.... Plus tard quand elle se remettra avec Pierre, car ils se réconcilieront....

—Tu penses ?....

—C'est écrit, dit nettement Gaston, qui reprenait un peu d'aplomb.... Il en est fou..... Alors.... elle en obtiendra tout ce qu'elle voudra.... Il est si généreux, si bon pour elle, pour tout le monde, d'ailleurs.... et il gagne tant d'argent, des montagnes !....

Gaston s'était exprimé avec un accent de conviction saisissant.

Le "bon Roger" se mordit les lèvres jusqu'au sang.

Il insinua avec une intention facile à comprendre :

—Si les événements heureux que tu espères retardent trop, tu auras une ressource....

—Laquelle ?

—Celle que beaucoup d'autres ont mise en œuvre avant toi.... Tu laisseras les perles en gage, comme tu dis, ou tu les vendras .... Tu en feras monter de fausses à la place et tu rapporteras le collier où tu l'auras pris.

—Oh ! Roger....

—Ni vu, ni connu....On s'apercevra de la substitution au décès de Madeleine quand ses héritiers voudront liquider sa succession.

—Tu railles !

On aurait pu le croire.

Le visage du baron était crispé par un sourire équivoque.

Mais il déclara :

—Pas le moins du monde.... J'ai des ennuis plus graves que les tiens et ne suis pas en humeur de plaisanter.... Le procédé est très en vogue.... Bean-